GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ENCROACHMENT OF LAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether approximately 30,000 acres of land belonging to the Army has been encroached upon by land mafia;

(b) if so, the area of the land encroached upon by the land mafia, State-wise;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to remove such encroachments from the Army land;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Hon`ble Delhi High Court has issued any guidelines to the Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): An area of approximately 3369.12 acres of Defence land under the management of Army has been encroached upon by various individuals/private parties etc at different points of time. The State-wise details of these encroachments are not available.

Directions have been issued to the concerned authorities to take action for removal of encroachments under the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants), Act, 1971.Some of the encroachments are under litigation and their removal is subject to court orders.

(e) & (f): The Hon`ble High Court of Delhi vide their order dated 6.2.2002 in CWP No. 3761/2000 relating to encroachment of Defence land has directed the Government and Defence Estates to ensure that all efforts are made as and when encroachments are noticed and to see that appropriate action in accordance with Law is initiated in time and continued and completed expeditiously.